

REMARKS

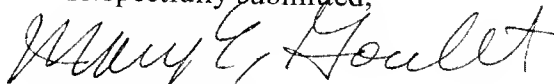
This supplements the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 filed January 7, 2009, which we ask to be fully considered. Claims 1-4, 7-16, 18, 19, 39, 40, 44-50 are pending. Claims 1, 7, 12 are now amended. As a housekeeping matter, the last line of Claim 1 concerning R¹⁻⁴ is now amended to be consistent with the definition of R³ and R⁴ several lines above in the Amendment filed January 7, 2009. Likewise, as a housekeeping matter, dependent claim 7 is now amended as to dependency and to eliminate a phrase which has been made redundant by the amendment to Claim 1 dated January 7, 2009. Likewise, dependent claim 12 is now amended along the lines of its base claim 1.

It is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-4, 7-16, 18, 19, 39, 40, 44-50 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephone or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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